

protecting our airlines and airports. And only by federalizing those screeners can the American public be assured that “cost-cutting” will not occur to the detriment of their safety.

There is more at stake here than scoring political points about whether the size of the Federal Government is growing or shrinking. The American people are looking to the Congress to reassure them about the safety of their airlines. Restoring the confidence of the American people in airline travel is

essential to getting the U.S. economy back on track.

For all of the big talk and for all of the gas that has been emitted from the larynxes of politicians, the one that would seem to help the economy most is the passage of an airline security bill.

We have done our part.

I hope that the House leadership can settle what is a misplaced, partisan dispute, and address quickly the more pressing needs of the American people whom we serve.

Mr. President, I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:19 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 18, 2001, at 10 a.m.